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Office of the Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Ave. NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

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ATTN,: Ms. Annie Kennedy

Office of PAGR

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

On behalf of affected residents, I wish to initiate an appeal of the announced closure of the post office for Gwynedd, PA 19436. This letter will reach your office within the 30 day limit from the final announcement of closure on April 2, and I expect this matter to be assigned a docket number and proceed as provided by law. Please see to it that the appropriate personnel give it prompt attention.

I filled out a commission form with an outline of some key matters in which, affected residents believe, the USPS authorities pushing for this closure did not follow proper procedure and did not correctly state or interpret the facts.

I presume that opportunity to present the affected residents' views in greater detail will be available as the appeal process proceeds.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

Christina Surowiec

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(writing on behalf of residents affected
by Gwynedd Post Office closure)

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

In the Matter of:

GWYNEDD, PA 19436
Post Office State ZIP Code

Docket No: _____

CHRISTINA SUROWIEC, Petitioner(s)

(on behalf of affected residents)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the GWYNEDD post office. The Final Determination was posted Apr 4, 2011.
(date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(b)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages 1-2 of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

Petitioner(s) will contend that the
closure is arbitrary and capricious, that
the process did not follow the prescribed
procedure, and that the Postal Service
authorities have not cited the correct facts
or reasonably interpreted the facts in their
grounds for closure.

This is a preliminary statement to
initiate the appeal process. A more complete

argument would go to considerable length, and is not attempted here. However, in brief some major issues are stated here:

- Closure announced as "clone deal," not as opening forum for community input on possible closure.

- Adverse impact on historic old community.
- Worst of all, USPS closure justification is based on falsehoods, not facts, in regard to (a) road access situation; (b) status of lease; and (c) claimed financial savings.

A fair comparison of the relative advantages and disadvantages of the proposed replacement facility (Springhouse) and the existing facility slated for closure (Gwynedd) was never made.

Important background issues concerning the Route 202 project and the role of the Lessor, Foulkeways at Gwynedd, are also relevant and were not given even cursory consideration in the proceedings to date.